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TAGS: PINS, CE

SUBJ: DETENTION OF TAMIL LEADER

REF: A) STATE 261818 B) COLOMBO 2332

1. FEDERAL PARTY PRESIDENT A. AMIRTHALINGAM AND HIS WIFE WERE DETAINED AND QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE IN JAFFNA OCTOBER 22 AND 23. ACCORDING TO WELL-PLACED TAMIL SOURCE, THEY WERE PICKED UP EARLY IN THE MORNING, QUESTIONED UNTIL 10 P.M., THEN ALLOWED TO GO HOME AND TOLD TO COME BACK THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT 10 A.M. THE QUESTIONING WAS FINALLY COMPLETED BY 5 P.M. THAT DAY. SINCE THEN THEY HAVE NOT BEEN FURTHER DETAINED.

2. QUESTIONING APPARENTLY COVERED RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING 1974 WORLD TAMIL CONFERENCE IN JAFFNA BUT EMPHASIS WAS REALLY ON ASSASSINATION OF ALFRED DURAI-YAPPAH IN JULY (REF B). WE HAVE NO DETAILS ABOUT THRUST OF QUESTIONS BUT AMIRTHALINGAM'S SON, WHO SOME HAVE SPECULATED WAS INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION, MAY BEEN DISCUSSED. SON IS CURRENTLY IN INDIA.  
VAN HOLLEN

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